

## PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. G. D. Ryan spent Sunday in Charleston.

—Miss Zelder Halford, of Blackville, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Price.

—Mr. George Cabell, of Charleston, is spending a few days in the city.

—Miss Elizabeth Roberts, of Ehrhardt, spent Tuesday in the city with friends.

—Miss Blanche Hair has returned to the city, after a visit to friends in Columbia.

—Miss Georgia Emma Jordan spent the week-end at home from her school.

—Hon. James F. Byrnes and Mr. B. B. Hare, of Aiken, spent Monday in the city.

—Mr. S. W. Copeland, of Ehrhardt, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

—Miss Sallie Free has returned to the city from a visit to Spartanburg and Greenville.

—Dr. F. B. McCrackin and Mr. J. J. Smoak left Tuesday night for Atlanta on a business trip.

—The Misses Rizer and Mrs. L. A. Hartzog, of Olar, were in the city Friday.—Barnwell Sentinel.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker, of Denmark, were visitors in the city Sunday.—Barnwell Sentinel.

—Col. John F. Folk attended the Atlantic Deeper Waterways convention in Savannah last week as a delegate.

—Miss Ruth Byrd has returned to the city after spending several weeks at Clinton, Lancaster and other points.

—Messrs. B. F. Free, H. L. Hinman and P. B. Murphy motored to Greenville on Saturday, returning Sunday.

—Mrs. Alice Gary left yesterday for her home in Jacksonville, Fla., after spending a week with Mrs. A. W. Knight.

—Hon. A. C. Bradham, of Manning, a member of the governor's staff and mayor of Manning, spent Sunday in the city with Col. and Mrs. W. A. Klauber.

—Mrs. A. M. Brabham has returned to the city from Columbia, where she was called on account of the illness of her brother, who underwent a serious operation, but is now recovering.

## The World's Uncle Sam.

Thousands of Europeans went back home across the great water to take part in the war, but many thousands more wisely stayed in this country, refusing to take chances of being shot, stabbed, gas-poisoned, starved, slain or imprisoned. Many of them have crowded the naturalization courts, praying of Uncle Sam that he be their uncle also, and give them certificates of citizenship. And he will if they merit them. He is a great and good Uncle Sam—the whole wide world's Uncle Sam.

To the German he is Unkel Sam.  
To the Frenchman, l'Onkle Sam.  
To the Italian, Zio Sam.  
To the Croatian, Stric Simeon (Sam.)

To the Hungarian, Sam Nagybatya.  
To the Pole, Wajaszek Sem.  
To the Slay, Ujec Sam.  
To the Dane, Onkel Samuel.  
To the Swede, Onkel Samuel.  
To the Finn, Seta Samuli.  
To the Spaniard, El Tio Samuel.  
To the Serbian, Ctpnu Cnneon (Cem.)

To the Belgian he is not only Uncle Sam, but he is also Father Sam, Brother Sam, Cousin Sam and all the other kinds of Sam one could think of. For, indeed, he has been to that stricken nation the Sam-arian of whom Luke writes:

"And went unto him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him."

## THE BOERS AND ENGLAND.

A Boer Banker Tells Why They Are Lending Aid.

In this article, "Germany's Exit from Africa," in the World's Work for October, Lewis R. Freeman tells of an interview with a successful Boer banker, who, speaking of their last war with England and its results, says: "There is still an ache in some of our hearts for things the war cost us. But the sense of justice is highly developed in the Boer, and we cannot deny that under the fair, square, helpful regime of the British we have become better off in ten years than we would have been in fifty under Paul Kruger. They have left us our language, self-government—everything, in fact, we had before—and have brought us progressiveness and prosperity. A new national feeling—an imperial one, I mean—is developing among the Boers, and in time it will be as strong as the old one for which we poured out so much blood."

## What Can be Done to Make Bamberg a City Beautiful?

## 1st Prize.

For a town of its size, Bamberg has many pretty residences, although there are many things necessary to make it a beautiful city.

The switch track of the railroad is in a very annoying place, also the stock pen. These could be moved to other parts of the town. On the sides of the railroad are tall rank weeds. If these were replaced by pretty green grass, and the ground terraced it would be a much more pleasant spectacle for the people to look upon. Strangers coming to our town would wonder at its cleanliness and beauty. There are only a few trees planted along the streets and these are not well kept. Trees should be planted and kept trimmed. They are very attractive when white-washed up a certain distance. In the city there are many places suitable for a park. If these were fixed up, and small grass plots planted around the city it would make a great difference. Our streets, which are dust beds in dry weather, and mud holes in wet, should be either bricked or fixed with asphalt. There are very few of the sidewalks that are paved, and these very poorly. If, at least, the sidewalks in the main part of the city, were paved, and the others clayed our city would be so much more attractive. In and around the city we have many open ditches. These breed mosquitoes and cause disease. If these were either bricked over or filled up we would no longer fear disease and mosquitoes from them.

As I said before, Bamberg has many pretty homes. We should get our people so interested in our town that they would be willing to do anything to help make it more beautiful. If this were the case, people would keep their yards neater. In case you have grass it should be neatly cut. And if your yard is inclosed by a fence, keep it painted, if by a hedge, keep it trimmed. Some people are not clean in their homes. If they were told about it in the right way, they would take a certain pride in their homes.

Now let us take up our public buildings. If the court-house yard were kept neater, and perhaps a small drinking fountain placed on the lawn, people passing through on the train would remark about the beauty. Our school-house itself needs attention. The yard surely is not a place of beauty. Grass could be planted and the basket ball court kept up better. Around our churches there is much room for improvement. On Main street the shop-keepers should take pride in their show windows. They should be so beautiful and attractive that no one could pass by without looking in. All along the streets you may see trash scattered. This could be prevented by placing baskets or cans at the corners to receive the refuse and compelling people not to throw trash on the street. Everybody coming through here notices the horrid old billboards that are stuck up all over the town. This should be forbidden by the authorities of the town. Also, Bamberg should have water-works. This would help the town so much. As you know, cleanliness is beauty, so each individual should feel the responsibility of his or her part. If this were the case Bamberg could indeed become a city beautiful, otherwise it will forever remain the same filthy little town. I have mentioned many things which would help to make Bamberg beautiful but there are many that I will not mention. Very necessarily these improvements will need money but I should think that the citizens would be glad to help the town. I hope that the people will become interested and make Bamberg a City Beautiful.

LUCILE HUNTER, 10th grade.

## Second Prize.

This is an important question, full of interest, or, at least, should be, for everyone in this town. Everyone likes beautiful things. But it matters not how beautiful a thing may be if it is not clean it is not beautiful, or if any place or thing be neat and clean it is attractive. So to make our town beautiful let us make it clean.

There is so much that could be done, and so much that must be done if our town is made beautiful that one hardly knows where to begin.

First. All the streets need a good cleaning and need some one to keep them clean, sanitary and attractive. Garbage cans might be placed at intervals for paper and fruit peelings that passers-by carelessly throw down right in front of our stores and homes.

Second. All the ditches that are a breeding place for mosquitoes, and are so very unattractive, and some, besides being a menace to the public health, are so very deep as to be dangerous for small or venturesome



## THANKSGIVING THINGS

GOBBLE! GOBBLE! As Thanksgiving day approaches look at your table LINENS, and see if yours are good enough to spread for your Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners WHEN COMPANY COMES.

All linens which look alike before they are washed won't look alike AFTERWARD. Buy your linens and all of your Thanksgiving things at the store you can absolutely TRUST.

Our Business Was Enormous During The Sale. Best Sale We've Ever Had

Guess you have heard it said that LaVerne Thomas won't have anything left to sell after the sale. We don't deny that SOME merchandise left this store during the sale—but just here we want to inform you that we still have your wants. Come to us first. We will surely please you.

## SEPARATE SKIRTS

\$3.75 to \$7.50

Just received new lot nice separate skirts, made up in latest materials and styles. Full line of sizes. Come in while we have your size.

36-inch white corduroy, just the thing for sport coats and infant's coats. Narrow wale, at 60c the yd.

Sweaters for the infants on up. Desired colors from 50c to \$4.00.

Just received nice assortment China silk waists, plain and embroidered, at \$1.25 each.

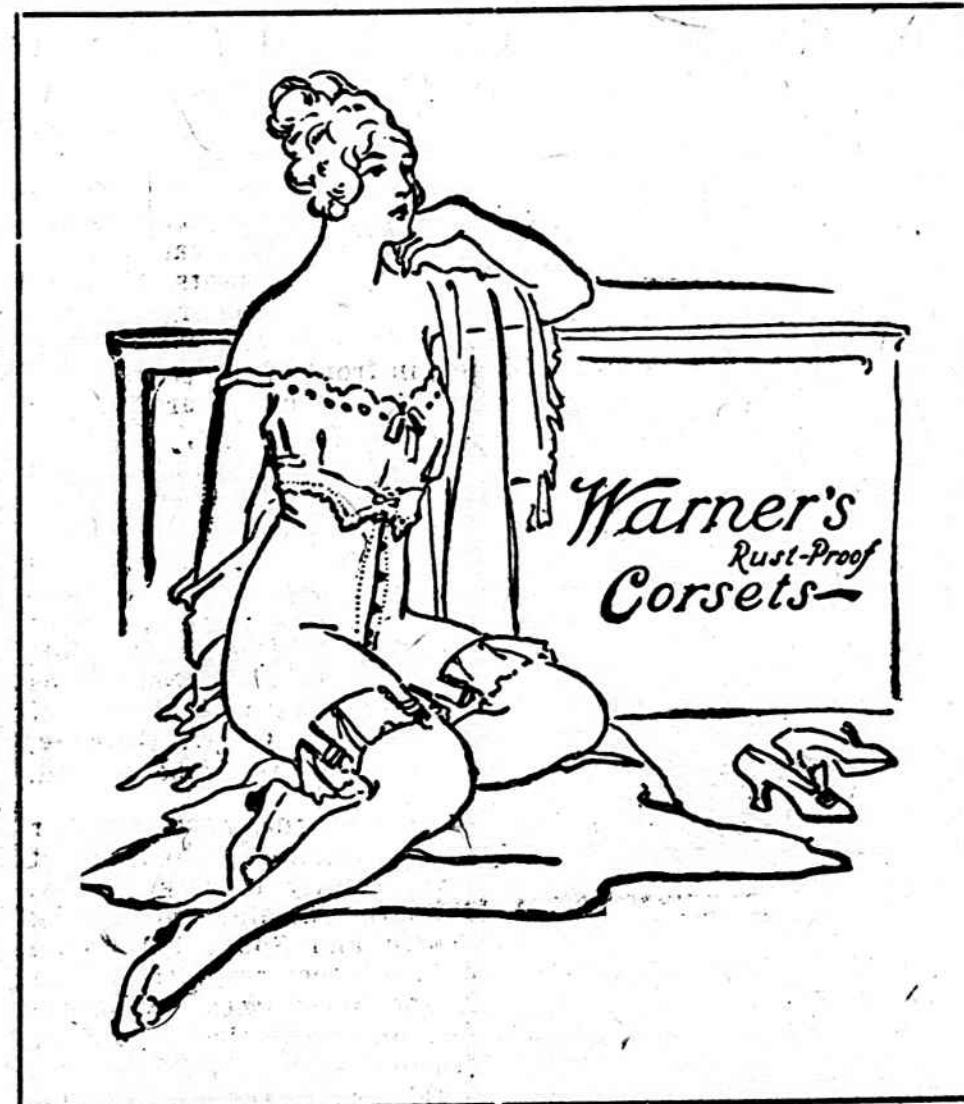
Also nice assortment waists for only 50c each. These are wonders for the money.

## WE HAVE CLEANED UP ON COAT SUITS

We have only five coat suits left in the house: two size 16, two size 38, and one size 14. These are in navy blue, black, gray mixture, and Russian green. These are of the latest materials and styles and can be bought at your price. These suits sold as high as \$24.50, and are priced now from \$9.99 to \$15.98. If you can find your size here you can buy a suit now at the manufacturer's price.

## CENTEMERI GLOVES.

What about those gloves? Get a pair that will last you, they cost little more but they are worth it. White with black stitching, or Black with white stitching, at \$1.25 pair.



## UNDERWEAR

Come to us first and you will find what you want in underwear. Our special silk and wool vests at \$1.00 each have been very popular this season. Get yours today. The E. Z. union suits for the children have also been very popular, they seem to be just what the children need. Let us show them to you.

## FIGURE LINES OF FASHION.

This is, in short, what every woman hopes to realize. She should know that the graceful lines that best set off her gown are made by the corset.

## Warner's Rust Proof Corsets

Are the styles we like to recommend, and our new lace front models represent the same excellence that has made our Warner styles so popular before. Every pair guaranteed not to rust, break or tear.

## XMAS PRESENTS.

Our famous line of Xmas handkerchiefs are here. Come in at once and make your selection before they are picked over. We think they are the prettiest selection we've ever had.

## SALE PRICE STILL REMAINS ON COATS.

While our stock of coats are of course not as large as it was at the beginning of the season, we still have a nice assortment of coats to fit a 3 year old child right on up to grandmother. We can save you 25 per cent. on your coat. The sale price still remains on all coats. Come in before the sizes are broken.

## Extraordinary Values in Millinery

You can save from 20 to 30 per cent. by buying your hat from us. You will not find our stock as large as it was at the first of the season, because our stock is continually moving all the time, but you will still find a large selection here and we can honestly save you money. Come in today.

## LaVERNE THOMAS &amp; CO.

C. M. C. colors and pure white 10c Ball embroidery threads. Tatting shuttles. Crochet needles.

Telephone 41-J

Just arrived beautiful selection of stamped gowns—very best material and neat designs at 50c and \$1.

"The Store of Courtesy"

Bamberg, S. C.

## Royal Trinkets.

Queen Victoria, whose wedding shoes are advertised for sale, was herself a keen collector of historical relics. At a sale held in November, 1899, she commissioned a well-known dealer to secure for her a walking-stick, carved to represent "Wisdom and Folly," once the property of Prince Charles Edward. The royal agent had carte blanche, and the stick was knocked down to him for 160 pounds.

This was a monstrous price when we consider that shortly before the Young Pretender's dirk, with flintlock pistol attached, realized only 3 pounds 15 shillings, whilst the great Rob Roy's claymore, made by Andrea Ferrera, with its shark-skin grip and all, went for 37 pounds 16 shillings. At the Stuart exhibition, organized in London some twenty years ago, a number of most interesting exhibits came from Queen Victoria's collection.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Seeded Raisins at Hoffman's—adv.

all of the preceding tasks—arouse the enthusiasm of everyone and cooperate. As we have so many beautiful trees along our sidewalks and so many pretty homes in this town, if these things I have mentioned were done I think we would indeed have a "City Beautiful."

ETHEL STROM.

Cleaned Currants at Hoffman's—adv.

## DEATH OF LEADING NEGRO.

Booker T. Washington Dies at Tuskegee.—Did Much For Race.

Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 14.—Booker T. Washington, negro educator, lecturer, author and recognized leader of his race in America, died at his home here early today, four hours after his arrival from New York.

Dr. Washington had not been in good health for several months and suffered a nervous breakdown in New York last week. He had gone there to attend the annual meeting of the American Missionary association and the National Conference of Congregational churches.

He did not respond to treatment at a hospital in New York and decided to come back here. He had often said that his work had been among Southern negroes, that he was a Southern negro and that it was his wish to live, die and be buried in the South. He left New York Friday afternoon. The trip seemed to sap his remaining energy and he died quietly soon after reaching his home.

By his writings, lectures and activities in building up Tuskegee institute, Dr. Washington for the past 25 years had commanded the attention and confidence of leading men in many walks of life in the South and North. It has been said that his work of bettering the negro race more nearly fit sentiment expressed

in different parts of the country than any other man interested in such work.

He came to Tuskegee in 1891, having been selected for the work by State authorities. This was six years after he had been graduated from Hampton institute in Virginia. After graduation he taught at Hampton for some time. His natural executive and constructive ability resulted in the Tuskegee institution becoming one of the leading negro schools in the country.

Much of his work was given over to efforts to impress upon negroes their moral responsibilities. In many of his lectures he pointed out, in no uncertain terms, weaknesses common to the race along with his admonitions to correct certain evils.

Washington won the sympathy and support of leading Southerners by a speech in behalf of his race at the Cotton States exposition in Atlanta in 1895. Of undoubted ability and breadth of vision his sane leadership enabled him to accomplish more for and among the negroes of the United States than any negro of his time.

In addition to his prominence as an educator, Washington gained considerable fame as an author. He received an honorary degree of master of arts from Harvard university in 1896 and was given an honorary degree of doctor of laws by Dartmouth college in 1901.

Golden Dates at Hoffman's.—adv.